

Boeing B-29 Superfortress



Distinguishing Features: Four-engined monoplane; a narrow midwing evenly tapered on leading edge, straight on trailing edge. Moderate dihedral extends from wing-roots to blunt wingtips. Inboard nacelles project slightly beyond trailing edge of the wing. Round fuselage tapers evenly from long, smooth nose to projecting tail-gun position. High fin and rudder, gradually fairing into the fuselage, suggests B-17. Tailplane, set high on the fuselage, has rounded tips, more pronounced taper on leading than trailing edge.

Interest: With its tremendous range, speed and bomb load, the B-29, first of the "Superbombers", is expected to revolutionize strategic bombing. Its range will push the air front deep into untouched Axis territory, while its carrying capacity brings new and overwhelming pressure to nearer targets. It is gracefully streamlined without the cluttered look of older bombers which had countless improvements hung on their basic designs.

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